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MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

[1] JOHN FOSTER DULLES, U S Sec'y of State, in a statement interpreted as a rebuke to Sen Jos R McCarthy, who criticised Administration tactics in relation to our allies: "Today it is to our interest to assist certain countries. But that does not give us the right to try to make them over; to dictate their trade policies, and to make them our satellites." . . .

[2] HENRY CABOT LODGE, Jr, U S delegate to UN: "The way (to peace) is clear. In God's name, why do not you men of the Communist world choose to take it?" . . .

[3] Gen MAXWELL D TAYLOR, 8th Army Comdr in Korea: "We have no indication that Communists intend to break the truce, but we always operate under the assumption that the enemy is ready to resume hostilities in the next half-hr." . . . [4] SYNGMAN RHEE, Pres of S Korea, after a visit with Chiang Kai-shek: "Let's fight; you cannot stop communism by talking." . . . [5] Rep CHAS B

Quote of the Week

JOHN FOSTER DULLES, U S Sec'y of State, commenting on proposed Big 4 For'gn Ministers' meeting: "We do not look upon the conference as a place where we surrender our principles, but rather as a place for making our principles prevail."

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BROWNSON (R-Ind): "The super-Americans of the extreme Right are the best allies the Communists have in the U S. If the ultra-patriots came to power and were on top for awhile, they would give the Reds their chance to rebuild a popular following." . . . [6] Dr PHILIP R GOVE, gen'l editor, Merriam-Webster dictionaries, discussing possibility of making "McCarthyism" a dictionary term: "We'll wait a few yrs, perhaps even a decade. If the term then has a stabilized meaning, it may attain dictionary status."

THIRTEENTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION



In the light of his recent nationwide radio and television speech, it is now appropriate to appraise the status of Sen Jos R McCarthy (R-Wis).

The Senator's rather unexpected swipe at the Eisenhower administration has aroused speculation that he may have in mind a presidential nomination in '56. Certainly he has served notice that he will try to make red infiltration a prime issue in the '54 campaign.

McCarthy has no personal test of strength at this time. (His term does not expire until '59.) But he has offered to campaign for other Senators, and will try to improve his position within the party.

McCarthy's strength is almost wholly in the Communism-in-Gov't issue. His political future rests upon keeping that issue paramount. As of now, his chances

for the Republican nomination are not good. He does not have, and would not seem likely to attain, the backing of the more influential party leaders. He is a Catholic which, it must be stated frankly, does not improve his chances in the nat'l picture.

There remains the lure of a Third Party. But the history of such ventures is not appealing to political realists. It is a possibility; hardly a probability.

You know, of course, that factory production is down a bit—some 15 points from the spring high of 243. You may have wondered why this has not been reflected in unemployment figures. Two primary reasons: (1) The 1st step has been to reduce overtime, rather than thin the ranks (but the nat'l average is still 40.4 hrs per wk.) (2) Many of those released are marginal workers—housewives, youths, the elderly—who have not applied for other jobs, and so are not listed officially as unemployed.

Auto mfrs plan to cut passenger car production by about one million in '54.



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Charles H. Johnson



ART—1

An artist is just a bunch of emotions and a chance to get rid of them in a picture. — FRED CHANCE.

ATOMIC AGE—2

The world seems to have become numb, even paralyzed, with respect to doing any thinking or taking any action about warding off an atomic catastrophe. Even defensive measures, which at best may be palliatives, are not vigorously pursued. Secrecy seems to have become a comfortable and habit-forming sedative.—ROBERT W FRASE, "Internat'l Control of Nuclear Weapons," *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 11-'53.

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Knowledge is power; but the more men know about the atom, the more they need to know about themselves. — WAYNE A R LEYS, "Human Values in the Atomic Age," *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 11-'53.

BEHAVIOR—3

Of all forms of life, man himself still constitutes the greatest threat to mankind.—BROCK CHISHOLM, "People Must Grow Up," *New Outlook*, 11-'53.

BIBLE—4

In the 12 mo's since its publication the Revised Standard Version of the Bible has sold 2,500,000

copies, a record sales figure for all time, unequaled by any other book in history, fiction or non-fiction.—*Saturday Review*.

BOOKS—Reading—5

A nation's best ambassadors do not come dressed in Homburg hats, frock coats and striped pants, but in the bright-colored jackets of books.—Editorial, *Christian Advocate*.

CHILD—Training—6

The commonest fallacy among women is that simply having children makes one a mother—which is as absurd as believing that having a piano makes one a musician.—SYDNEY J HARRIS, *Chicago News*.

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Holiday Thoughts

This is the season when husbands find

Their wives have such wonderful presents of mind!

—STEPHEN SCHLITZER.

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CHRISTIANITY—8

Someone sagely has said that the only failure of the Christian doctrine is that it never has been tried.—ROWLAND S VAILE, *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*.

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The Spirit of Christmas

A 5-yr-old refugee was being shown the wonders of a large toy department by his foster parents. His eyes grew wide with wonderment but gradually an expression of disappointment clouded his face. He began to search up and down the aisles, under tables and counters. At last, he burst out, "But where is the *Child*?"

After an embarrassed silence, a store official ordered a Christmas crib to be found at once and set up in a prominent place in the toy department. And at this the little boy smiled with delight. Young as he was he had given a lesson in the real significance of Christmas.—Rev JAS KELLER, *Living Tissues*. 9

Mary's Baby

The star was now dim
With the coming of day—
The Baby asleep
In His warm bed of hay.
The angels were gone
With their song in the air.
The shepherds were, too,
It was still everywhere.
And Mary looked down
On the beautiful Child,
Then, looking at Joseph—
Her lips softly smiled.
Tho unto the world
A Savior was born—
He was just Mary's Baby
That first Christmas morn.
—MAITHEL MARTIN, *Denver Post*. 10

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This world is wild as an old
wives' tale,
And strange the plain things
are,
The earth is enough and the
air is enough
For our wonder and our war;
But our rest is as far as the
fire-drake swings
And our peace is put in im-
possible things
Where clashed and thundered
unthinkable wings
Round an incredible star.

—GILBERT CHESTERTON, *Home of Christmas*. 11

A 4-yr-old orphan boy visited with us over Christmas. His greatest desire was a toy train. It was the only thing he asked for; he talked about it all of the time.

It so happened that, thru a misunderstanding, on Christmas morning the train wasn't under the tree. I lurked in the doorway with a fearful heart. I expected tears because what he wanted most was not there. It was a wonderful experience when he ran to me, his eyes shining, his face aglow with happiness:

"I didn't get the little train that runs around on a track," he said, "but Santa was mighty good to me. I'm satisfied with what I have!"—NELLIE F TURNER. 12

Thirty days hath September
April, June, and November;
When December doth arrive,
Kids can't count past "25."
—H J HIGDON, *Phoenix Flame*,
hm, Phoenix Metal Cap Co. 13

The Innkeeper

He missed it all—
The keeper of that Syrian inn.
He did not mean to,
But the crowds were great,
rooms few,
And many guests had gold to
give.
Had he not heard, "A man
must live"?
There was no room for Naza-
reth folk.

He missed it all—
Tho angels sang his lullaby
And listening shepherds
praised,
Tho wise men came by starlit
ways,
He was too busy for the an-
gels' song.
He saw no star; he planned
no wrong
Against these Nazareth folk.

We, too, may miss it all—
The wonder of his coming.
We may not mean to;
But tasks are many, hrs few—
Life rushes us with hurrying
feet—
While song and star we fail
to greet.
May we not slight the Naz-
areth Guest.
—ARTHUR E COWLEY, *Broad-
caster.* 14

The shop window displayed a
familiar scene of a manger, plas-
tic oxen, a mother and child with
a fine entourage of angels. The
small girl said indignantly to her
mother: "Mummy, don't tell me
they are bringing religion into
Christmas now!"—*New Statesman
& Nation* (London). 15

There is nothing I can give you
which you have not; but there is
much that, while I cannot give,
you can take. No heaven can
come to us unless our hearts find
rest in it today. Take heaven.

No peace lies in the future
which is not hidden in this pres-
ent instant. Take peace.

The gloom of the world is but
a shadow; behind it, yet within
reach, is joy. Take joy.

And so, at this Christmas time,
I greet you with the prayer that
for you, now and forever, the day
breaks and the shadows flee away.
—FRA GIOVANNI, 1513. 16

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A little light in Bethlehem,
No larger than a candle's
flame,
A wee white light in Bethle-
hem,
Silver and small it came.
And many slept and did not
see
The faint, far gleam when
dark unfurled
The little light that grew to be
The Light of all the world.
—Author Unknown. 17

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Had my house been filled at
Bethlehem.
What should I have done
With that request
Of two for rest?
Would I have guessed
The Prince of Peace was
come?
—ALLISON C WOOD, *Christian
Herald.* 18



Washington society buzzes on a feud-in-the-making. If it is a co-incidence, it's a strange one—but Gen Matthew B Ridgway, Army Chief of Staff, and Mrs Ridgway and Adm Rob't B Carney, Navy chief of operations, and Mrs Carney held big parties on the same day (Nov 30) inviting most of the VIPs. Ridgway party (6 to 8) and Carney party (6:30 to 8:30) were in their respective official residences, some 6 mi's apart. Carney invitations went out 1st.

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New Internal Revenue rulings: When you take a client to an expensive place for lunch, you can no longer take total amt as tax credit. Deduct from the bill what you usually spend for lunch. . . . Baby-sitter's wages are subject to Social Security tax, if an agency sends and instructs the sitter.

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Politicians will watch coming Farm Bureau conv (Dec 14). If Allan Kline, conservative pres, is not re-elected it will signal that farmers insist present high fed'l price supports be continued. Also a slap at Agriculture Sec'y Ezra Benson, who has Kline support.

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Washington hears Queen Elizabeth II, on tour, carried an array of cameras. She's a devoted fan.

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DIVORCE—19

The Mourviers of Toulouse got a divorce on their silver wedding anniv, as they had planned already on their 1st anniv. The explanation: they had been able to lead a happy life and not feel tied down for life; now they're going to call it quits. You should always stop nice things when they are at the height of their appeal according to Monsieur Mourvier.—*Weltbild*, Germany (QUOTE translation).

EDUCATION—20

Education is an attempt to help people to live in better company than most of them are fit for.—JAS BAILLIE, *Reflections on Life and Religion* (Allen & Unwin, England).

GOVERNMENT—21

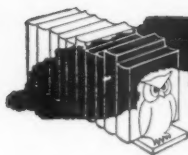
Quite aside from the tyranny involved, no gov't—Communist, Socialist or any other kind—is a source of wealth. Everything produced is produced by the people. Everything the gov't says it will give the people, it must 1st take from the people. This is as true in America as in Russia or any other place.—HENRY J TAYLOR.

HISTORY—22

The right words striking the right persons at the right time can change the course of history.—EDW W BARRETT, *Truth Is Our Weapon* (Funk & Wagnalls).

IGNORANCE—23

Out of ignorance is born most of the fear and cruelty and misery and hatred in this world. Not one of us, however unimportant or little endowed we believe ourselves to be, has the right to remain in avoidable ignorance — *Woman's Wkly*, London.



Book Briefs

U S News & World Rep't points out that an American economy measure gives communists an opening in Japan they have been quick to seize. Up to '50 the U S dominated the Japanese book mkt, in both the English and Japanese languages. That yr a total of 935 for'gn books was translated into Japanese—more than half of them written by Americans. Two yrs later translations had risen to 1,174. Russians led with 370 titles. The French provided 330, the British 200. We made a poor 4th with 103 translations.

Well, it seems there were *three* Irishmen . . . one emigrated to America, one failed to marry, and the third married late in life. Multiply this trio by too-many digits and you get an appalling story—the story that John A O'Brien tells in *The Vanishing Irish* (McGraw-Hill). In every census for more than 100 yrs (with one trifling exception) Ireland has shown a continuing decline in population. Today she has the highest emigration rate in the world, the lowest marriage rate in the world, and the latest marriage rate in the world.

You are destined to hear a good deal in the wks ahead concerning Columbia Univ, which soon will mark the 200th anniv of its founding. In celebration of the bicentennial yr Columbia Univ Press is planning an uncommonly heavy

publishing schedule. . . And, speaking of venerable institutions, we are minded of an item gleaned from the *N Y Herald-Tribune*: America's oldest existing establishment devoted to the publication of books is the Methodist Publishing House, founded in 1789 as the Methodist Book Concern. Next May they'll celebrate 165 yrs of continuous publication.

A high-school supervisor took a poll of sophomores to see how tv affects teenagers' reading. One student commented: "I'm going to read a book sometime. Last night I saw a quiz show and the contestant didn't get the jackpot because he hadn't read a book."—*This World*.

Tit-Bits, London, is reviving the rather well-known story of how Nelson Doubleday, now head of Doubleday & Co, at the age of 6 inspired Rudyard Kipling to write the *Just So Stories* (which his father published with considerable profit.) Not so well known is the fact that Nelson, as a result of youthful enterprise, still collects a royalty of one cent a copy on each of these books sold in the U S.

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The Golden Bough

On this 100th anniv of the birth of Sir JAS GEO FRAZER (Jan 1, 1854) let us pay passing tribute to one of the world's great authorities on folklore. The author's classic work, *The Golden Bough*, 1st appeared in 2 vol's in 1890, and was subsequently enlarged to 12 vol's. An abridged 1-vol edition, issued in 1922, is now the common reference source. It is a treasury of primitive customs and beliefs, epitomizing virtually all available information in a single readily-available source.

The title is derived from persistent references in mythology to a "golden bough" said to possess great potency.

Why was the mistletoe called the Golden Bough? The whitish-yellow of mistletoe berries is hardly enough to acc't for the name, for Virgil says that the bough was altogether golden, stems as well as leaves. Perhaps the name may be derived from the rich golden yellow which a bough of mistletoe assumes when it has been cut and kept for some mo's; the bright tint is not confined to the leaves, but spreads to the stalks as well, so that the whole branch appears to be indeed a Golden Bough. . . In some parts of Britany . . . branches of mistletoe are hung over the doors of stables and byres to protect horses and cattle, probably against witchcraft.

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LANGUAGE—24

Words are the dress of thought, which should no more be presented in rags, tatters and dirt than your person should.—*Lion*.

MARRIED LIFE—25

Married life would be far easier on husbands if wives tread as lightly on their pocketbooks as they do on the bathroom scales.—*Country Gentleman*.

NATIONALISM—26

Our country stands in need of a vigorous nation-wide campaign on behalf of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the U S. This campaign should be carried out with the nationalist spirit which actuated the conscientious and patriotic men who founded the Republic and gave it its constitutional system. — JOHN DAVID GRIFFIN, editor, *N Y Enquirer*.

ORIGIN—Sabotage—27

Sabotage, a word often used today, was coined from the wooden shoes worn by French peasants and known as "sabots."

Because during the period of agricultural unrest the peasants used to damage landlords' growing crops by trampling on them with sabots, the word "sabotage" came into use to denote deliberate damage done to others' property.—*Tit-Bits*, London.

PREACHERS—Preaching—28

The congregation makes the sermon as much as the minister does. Preaching is a conversation, not a monologue, even tho the other half of the conversation is spoken during the wk.—MANFRED A CARTER, "Intellectuals and the Church," *Pastor*, 11-'53.

Pathways to the Past



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Week of
Dec 27-Jan 2
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Dec 27—Feast of St John the Evangelist.

Dec 28—Feast of the Holy Innocents (Childermas Day). . . . Chas Wesley, English divine, bro of John Wesley, founder of the Methodist Church, b 245 yrs ago (1708). . .

Dec 29—Andrew Johnson, 17th President of the United States, b 145 yrs ago (1808). . . 1st gas lights installed in White House 105 yrs ago (1848). . . Automobile 4-wheel brakes pat'd 45 yrs ago (1908). . . 1st serial motion picture (*Adventures of Kathlyn*) released 40 yrs ago (1913).

Dec 30—This is the 100th anniv of the Gadsden Purchase (1853). In this deal we purchased from Mexico a strip of land which now comprises the southern part of New Mexico and Arizona. The strip was acquired in order to give us a rail route to California. Purchase price: \$10 million. . . Today is the 50th anniv of the Iroquois Theatre fire in Chicago; 588 persons, mostly women and children, lost their lives. The disaster led to new fire regulations and safety measures. . . American Political Science Ass'n founded at New Orleans 50 yrs ago. . . If you remember the birth of the fabric known as "Crepe Georgette" you may not care to say so. It was registered as a trade mark 40 yrs ago (1913).

Dec 31—New Year's Eve. . . *St Sylvester's Eve.* . . *Hogmanay* (In Scotland, and in some parts of England, the last day of the yr is known as "Hogmanay." The origin of the term is obscure. Children go from door to door singing "Hogmanay, Trololay, Gie o' your white bread and nane o' your grey." They are then given an oaten cake or other small token.) . . . 160 yrs ago (1793) Thos Jefferson resigned his post as Sec'y of State to organize a political party of opposition. . . 45 yrs ago (1908) Wilbur Wright won the Michelin cup in France for long-distance airplane flight; 77 mi's in 2 hrs and 20 min's.

Jan 1—New Year's Day. . . This is the 100th anniv of the b of Sir Jas Frazer, Scottish anthropologist; one of the world's great authorities on folklore; author of *The Golden Bough*. . . Tournament of Roses 1st held at Pasadena, Calif, 65 yrs ago (1889). It was then called The Battle of the Flowers. Football became a stellar attraction in 1916. . . 5 yrs ago (1949) U S recognized the Republic of Korea, headed by Dr Syngman Rhee.

Jan 2—355 yrs ago (1599) Globe Theatre, London, gave the opening performance of a new play, *Henry V*, by a popular young writer, Wm Shakespeare.

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"Of all things!"

On the Saturday evening after Thanksgiving some 75 owners of home television sets in Palm Springs, Calif., were privileged to see the world premiere of a motion picture (*Forever Female*, a Paramount production starring Ginger Rogers, Wm Holden and Paul Douglas).

This is the 1st official co-operative action of the motion picture and television industries in the presentation of a pay-as-you-see television feature. About a yr ago Motorola made some independent tests in the Chicago area with a telephone hook-up. The tv set owner called the phone company; they then arranged for the showing of specified films via a wire service, adding a charge to the phone bill. In the present instance a cash-box had previously been attached to the tv set. Coins deposited in this box activated electrical impulses. Thus images on that channel which otherwise would have been scrambled emerged clearly in the television screen.

This limited test of subscription tv was inaugurated by Telemeter Corp'n, in which Paramount holds a 50% ownership.

In this test Telemeter short-circuited the Fed'l Communications Commission by the use of coaxial cable. FCC has not yet set up regulations covering pay-as-you-see television.

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PRODUCTION—29

The real secret of American productivity is that American society is imbued thru and thru with the desirability, the rightness, the morality of production. . . But in Britain, if any moral feeling at all survives about economic matters, it is usually a vague suspicion that economic success is reprehensible and unworthy. From this difference in attitudes everything else follows.—*Economist*.

RELIGION—30

When a religion is good . . . it will support itself and when it cannot support itself and God does not care to support it, so that (its advocates) are obliged to call for help of the civil power, it is the sign . . . of its being a bad one.—BEN FRANKLIN, quoted by J M DAWSON, *America's Way in Church, State, and Society* (Macmillan).

RETROSPECTION—31

The human spirit, agitated by historical catastrophes, leaps backward over all hurdles which the guidance of reason has erected, clinging here and there to remnants of tradition, scattered residues of many incompatible beliefs, then plunges headlong into pools of insipid mythologies, bringing to the top the muddy poetry of the depths and proclaiming it as the creed of the age.—ERICH HELLER, *The Disinherited Mind* (Dufour).

SCIENCE—32

Science must be recognized as a human activity. Science is what men do and have done when they look for knowledge.—GEORGE SARTON, quoted by WM H HAY, "George Sarton; Historian of Science and Humanist," *American Scientist*.

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WORLD RELATIONS—33

We have spent billions on the Marshall Plan, and then we alienate much of the resulting goodwill by an unsympathetically and woodenly administered visa policy. This situation reminds one of the railrd that lavishes a mint of money on new streamliners and then lets the conductor insult the passengers.—J H VAN VLECK, "A Political Barrier," *New Outlook*, 11-'53.

In Brief

Someone with a flair for figures informs us that Pres Eisenhower, in his 1st 10 mo's in office, has broken all previous records for number of speaking engagements. Ike has already made more than 30 speeches in person, or via radio or tv, plus panel appearances with mbrs of his Cabinet. And who do you suppose was runner-up? None other than "Silent Cal" Coolidge. He made 28 speeches in his 1st 10 mo's in office. * Speaking of surveys—and this is the open season for 'em — the Psychological Corp'n has just finished one for Pan-American Coffee interests. Shows that more than half of U S workers now have the boon of a regular "coffee break."

It may cheer you to know that some things are turning green despite the serenity of the season. Blackboards, for instance. School supply houses rep't that 9 out of 10 "blackboards" installed these days are green in color. They absorb less light, are generally more satisfactory. * Speaking seasonally, merchants say there's nothing like snow to speed up Christmas shopping. But not too much, please! Snowflakes in the large economy size snarl traffic—and that's bad for business!

So help us, Woolworth's is selling an incense labeled "with chlorophyll."

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Good Stories.....

you can use

Puttering in my home workshop I produced what I felt was a creditable artificial table Christmas tree. I displayed it when my relatives were over, and remarked: "That's what I call a tree—even if I did make it myself."

My small niece examined the phony tree critically, and wonder filled her eyes as she looked up at me.

"Won't God be surprised when He finds out about it?" — PHIL ROLFSEN, *True*. a

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Little Lois was busy with her mother's knitting needles; in fact, she was so busy she didn't notice her mother come into the room.

"What are you doing, dear?" asked her mother.

"Oh," smiled the child demurely, "I'm expecting a doll for Christmas."—*Capper's Wkly*. b

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Even Christmas can bring its tragedies. A little boy in Galashiels, Scotland, came home from school and said mournfully to his mother, "The Nativity play is off. Six angels are down with the mumps!"—*Sunday Post*, Glasgow, Scotland. c

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Only mother knows how right the youngster was when he spelled it Chrismuss.—*War Gazette*. d

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I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

AL SPONG

The waiter at a fashionable hostelry turned his attention to the glamorous blonde. Her order was not a modest one. The only attention she paid to the righthand column of the menu was to gain assurance that she had picked only the more costly items on the bill of fare.

Finally, turning to the young lady's male escort, the waiter asked: "And what do you wish, sir?"

Looking glumly up the young man ans'd: "I wish I hadn't brung her!"

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Alexander Dumas never seemed to be completely happy: almost every day a bailiff looked him up with a distress warrant or order to pay his debts. One day, however, one of them came with a subscription list. It was for the purpose, said the bailiff, of collecting 20 francs from each person on the list to pay for the burial of a poor colleague. "Monsieur was therefore requested . . ."

"To pay for the burial of a bailiff?" called out the writer as he drew some bills from his pocket. "Here are 40 francs. Go ahead and bury 2 bailiffs!"—*Frankfurter Illustrierte*, Germany (QUOTE translation). e

Wise Cracks

A pastor, taking a census in his parish, always asked the children the same questions: "What is your name? How old are you? Do you say your prayers? What will happen to you if you do not say your prayers?" One mother rehearsed her child so he would make a good showing. The pastor duly came to call. But before he could ask his questions, he got the answers: "My name is Jerry Jones . . . 5 yrs old . . . say my prayers every night . . . go to hell."—*Machinist.* f

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Turning a corner a London scrub woman suddenly came face to face with her most detested acquaintance. "My dear!" she cried enthusiastically, "wot a turn you give me—I thought ye was dead!"

"Now who told you that?" the other demanded.

"Nobody," the 1st repl'd, "but I've 'eard several people speakin' well o' yer lately."—*Northwestern Bell*, hm, Bell Telephone Co. g

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A Sunday School teacher was telling the story of Moses to a class of wide-eyed 5-yr-olds. "Now," she asked dramatically, "who do you suppose the beautiful Egyptian princess found to take care of the little boy she had discovered in the bulrushes?"

Without hesitation a little girl ans'd: "A baby-sitter."—*Louisville Courier-Jnl Mag.* h

Many a New Year's resolution begins with a New Year's eve ir-resolution.—*VESTA M KELLY.*

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The bigger the armaments race the smaller the human.—*FRANCES RODMAN.*

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Many an after-dinner speaker who rises to the occasion stands too long.—*A A SCHILLING.*

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Any youngster who's as good as gold these days needs a spanking.—*FRANKLIN P JONES.*

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Some single girls don't think about men all the time. They just think about them when they think.—*DAN BENNETT.*

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BARTENDER: a psychiatrist who wears an apron.—*ERSKINE JOHN-SON, Photoplay.*

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About the only golden opportunities some gents can recognize are blondes.—*P-K Sideliner.*

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One crying need of humanity is a reducing diet for fatheads.—*Redbook.*

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You can worry yourself thin about almost anything except gaining weight. — *MARCELENE COX, Ladies' Home Jnl.*

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"Were you aware," asked the Soviet scientist of a companion, "that Adam and Eve were actually Russians?"

"Why, no, I wasn't," replied the other, interested. "Can you prove it?"

"Easily," replied the scientist. "Adam and Eve had no clothes and no home. The only thing they had to eat was apples. And they thought they were in Paradise. They *must* have been Russians."—*Tracks*, hm, Chesapeake and O Ry.

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The aged prof was nearly at the end of a prolonged lecture, running twenty min's after lunch time. Amid coughings, stampings of feet and subdued groans, he raised a hand of silence. The uproar died down.

Then, in a thin dry voice, hardly audible, he said:

"If you will permit me, gentlemen—I have just one more pearl to cast." — *Cambridge* (England) *Daily News*.

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Three little Indian boys in blue jeans and plaid shirts were watching the filming of *War Paint* at Death Valley when a Hollywood extra in make-up and full feathered Indian dress stepped out of a station wagon. "Gee," said one of the wide-eyed Indian boys, "Look at the *Indian*." — *ERSKINE JOHNSON, Photoplay*.

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If you don't think tv has had an impact on our way of life listen to what happened to Bill Silbert, who conducts interviews on N Y station WMGM. Talking to a woman guest, Bill asked if she had any children. "Yes," she said proudly, "I have 4 children. One is 2, another 3, another 5, and the oldest, 6." The emcee smiled and said, "How come you missed having a 4-yr-old youngster?" "Oh, that," the mother shrugged, "that is the yr we got our tv set!"—HY GARDNER, *Parade*.

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The women Mbrs (of Parliament) are properly respected, but they have a sad capacity for making the men laugh in the wrong places. There was the earnest lady who, in a speech about the statistics on maternal and infant mortality in childbirth, cried: "Mr Speaker, Sir, we have prenatal treatment, and postnatal treatment, and still we have these appalling figures!" — A P HERBERT, Mbr of Parliament, *World*.

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The manager of the swanky chapeau shopp^e was incredulous. A large collection of hats he had planned to discard were gone.

He approached the super salesman of the department where they HAD been, "You mean to say you sold all those hats we planned to discard?"

"Yes," nodded the very efficient salesman. "I had the advertising department put a little ad in the paper stating we had some hats too high-priced for the average housewife, and they were all gone by noon." — *Charley Jones, Joke Book*.

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Two distillers of Alabama moonshine were discussing their operation.

"When I take my stuff into town," one of them explained, "Ah always drives mighty slow—'bout 20 mi's per hr."

"Skeered o' the law?" the other jeered.

"Nope," retorted the first. "Ye gotta age the stuff, hain't ye?"—*Wall St Jnl.*



On Order

A Christmas mail-order catalog offers a juke box for the home.—News item.

With Christmas none too far away
(And we can hardly wait),
We're looking through a list today
Of persons whom we hate.

We're combing very carefully,
Selecting just the worst,
The few — the maybe two or three—
Who seem to be accursed.

For these, with whom we fiercely feud

And open wide a rift,
For these, indeed, and all their brood,

We've found the perfect gift.

We'll wrap it nicely, we'll enclose
A card that reads "To Dad,"
And then sit back and watch our foes

Go stark and raving mad.

A clever lady, asked to a brilliant public function, was assigned a place between a noted bishop and an equally famous rabbi. It was her chance to break into high company, and she meant to make use of it. "I feel as if I were a leaf between the Old and the New Testament," she said during a lull in the conversation. "That page, Madam," repl'd the rabbi, "is usually a blank."—*Capper's Wkly.* o

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After calling unsuccessfully for the 10th day in a row at the Jones' residence, the bill collector became exasperated. "Look here," he snapped to the unperturbed Jones. "I'm tired of coming back here day after day to get you to pay up this delinquent account. Now, I must insist you set a definite day."

"Certainly," ans'd Jones agreeably, "suppose you call on Thursdays?"—*Tracks*, hm, Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. p

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"What did mama's little boy learn at school today?" simpered a lady to her offspring.

"I learned 2 boys," responded jr, "not to call me 'mama's little boy.'"—*Journeyman Barber.* q

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The teacher played the *Star Spangled Banner* and asked her 1st grade class to identify it. "That's easy," shouted a pupil from a back seat. "It's what they play every Friday on TV just before the fights."—*Imp.* r

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Quote-ettes

Spokesman for City Council, Rockport, Conn, on killing of an ordinance prohibiting anyone from pushing a wheelbarrow faster than 10 mi's an hr: "No worker nowadays is going to walk at half that speed!" 1-Q-t

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Louisville (Ky) woman, to postman who complained that her dog had bitten him: "Well, it won't make any difference now if he bites you. I had him vaccinated the other day." 2-Q-t

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SABOTO SCOLO, aged 69, Camden, N J, after waiting 40 yrs to become an American citizen, explained: "I have been too busy raising a family of 12 children." 3-Q-t

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SECOND CLASS MATTER

News of the **NEW**

The lecturer's old-fashioned wooden pointer may be a thing of the past. New device looks like cross between a flashlight and a telescope, will be used by lecturers, sales mgrs and others to point out spots of interest on motion picture screens, charts, maps, etc.

Speaker presses switch and instrument throws form of an arrow on screen. He moves beam about, and arrow points wherever it's aimed. Mfr thinks this is better than wooden pointers, which can

be used only in lighted room with speaker standing right at screen or chart. It's also said to be better than similar devices which throw a round black spot as pointer. The spot usually succeeds in blocking out just what audience is supposed to see, contends mfr, whereas the arrow is clear light and can be seen thru.

Operating on 115-volt AC current, gadget comes complete with carrying case, 16 ft of electrical cord for \$49.50. (Edna-Lite Optical Co, Peekskill, N Y).

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